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Peanuts Pack a Punch

Peanut oil is needed to win the war.

In pre-Pearl Harbor days, coconut oil from the Philippines, palm oil from the Dutch East Indies and Malaya, and tung oil from China accounted for about 50 percent of this country's vegetable-fat oil imports.

All that is out of the window now—

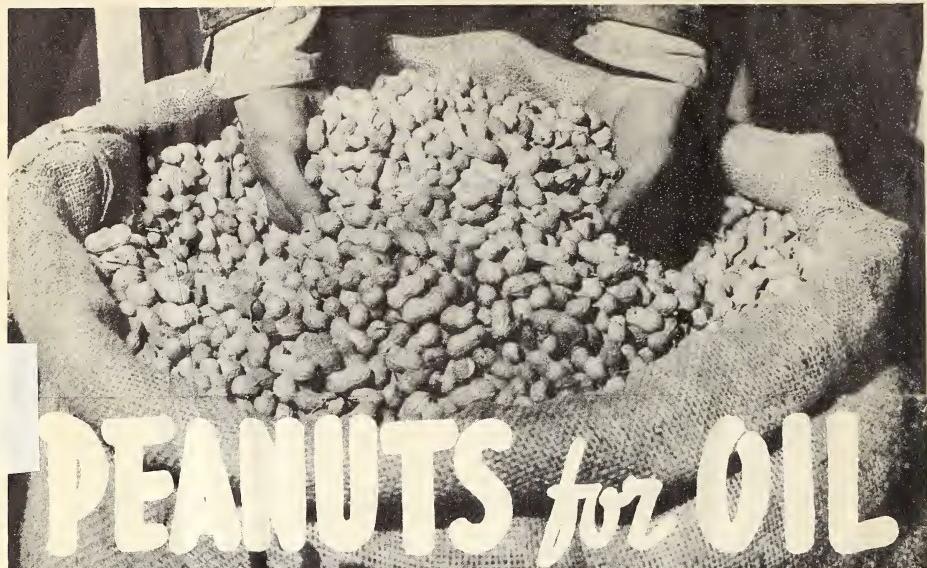
But peanut growers have an answer: In 1942 the acreage of peanuts grown for all purposes, estimated at 4,827,000 acres, is nearly double that of 1941. It is difficult to estimate what proportion of the peanuts picked and threshed will be crushed for oil—but perhaps 1½ billion pounds of farmers' stock peanuts will remain for crushing.

Peanut growers have faced difficulties: Shortage of farm machinery for cultivating and picking; labor problems, particularly in areas near war industry plants; and scarcity of burlap bags.

The peanut growers are coming through, despite these difficulties.

Increased production of peanut oil will be used to replace imported oils for shortening, cooking fats, salad oils, etc. It can be substituted for oils that are used in making explosives, antifreeze, medicines, and other vital products. Every part of the peanut plant can be used to advantage. The hay is a good source of protein, and the meal left after the oil has been extracted from the nuts makes a high-protein feed for livestock.

Uncle Sam's hat is off to the peanut grower!



PEANUTS for OIL



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EXPLOSIVES: Glycerin, used in nitroglycerin, is extracted from peanut oil.



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